

Date: November 9, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Dedication Ceremony for the Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Councilmember Al Austin, Councilwoman Dr. Suely Saro, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine invite you and your staff to attend a dedication ceremony for the Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field, at 1900 Walnut Avenue. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., invitation is attached.

Often referred to as the “Son of the Sixth,” Dee Andrews has been deeply involved in Central Long Beach for over 60 years. He was elected to the Long Beach City Council in 2007 and represented the Sixth Council District for more than 13 years. He served as Vice Mayor from 2018 to 2020.

As a child, Dee Andrews played sports at Chittick Field, then known as Hamilton Bowl, and became a star football player at Long Beach Polytechnic (Poly) High School, Long Beach City College, and California State University Long Beach. He later taught social studies, history, government, and physical education in Long Beach schools, including Hill and Franklin Middle Schools, and Poly and Wilson High Schools. He was also a court liaison for Long Beach Unified School District, working with young people coming out of juvenile camp and transitioning back into school.

A major achievement during his time on City Council was securing the funding and overseeing the completion of a remodeled Chittick Field Sports Complex. The new \$9.9 million, 19-acre sports complex was opened in 2014, featuring a new football field, three soccer fields, and a 400-meter all-weather track. The project also included new parking, lighting, restrooms, a bike path, and a new pump station and storm water accommodations.

The naming of this athletic complex for Dee Andrews is a fitting tribute to his positive impact and contributions to the Sixth District. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. For more information, please call me at (562) 570-3150.

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